

signed to the Hq. Army Ground Forces in Washington, D. C. for two years. From there he went to Hq. 2nd Army, Memphis, Tenn., making maps, charts and various drawings and lettering. He stems from a family of artists. His dad, Sr., is in the art department of the Chicago Sun, his mother is an artist, as is his brother Bob, S-1-C LSM now in the Pacific, and his wife, Eve all artists and good ones! He married Evelyn Hasenberg, a stately and gorgeaus blond, on August 5th, 1942 (They met through me and don't regret it) and now have two beautiful sons, Richard, 28 months and Gary, 15 months. Both are folk dance enthusiasts and are back to his form of recreation in full swing.

S-Sgt. Arthur Tumosa was discharged on the last of November. He entered the service in January '43 and received his training at Ft. Custer, Mich., Miami Beach, Fla., Scott Field, Ill., and Truax Field, Wisconsin. He was in many other fields but for very short durations. He went overseas in March 1944 and was assigned to the 9th Troop Carrier Command participating in the Norman, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Northern France, Ardenned, Rhineand and Central European invasions. His was the first formation to go over Bastogne to drop supplies for the trapped. Artie is my bro Kazy's closest buddy. Art is a member of LYS, a good folk dancer, and a folk festival vet. On his first Tuesday back in Chicago he came down to Int. House to do some folk dancing. As a young lad Artie was chosen as the healthiest Lithuanian boy in Chicago.

Lt. Robert T. Keller was discharged in mid December '45. He entered the Army in June '41, serving with the Armoured Force at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. In June of '43 he was transferred to the Air Corps and was graduated from cadets school as navigator in October '44. Went overseas in March '45 and was stationed mostly in Samar, P. I. operating over Japanese held islands. Handsome Bob has not lost any of his handsomeness. He is an LYS'r of many years and a folk dance festival vet.

Lee Bartkus S-2-C entered the Navy in May '42 and received his boot training at Curtis Bay, Maryland. He, then started sailing the wide Pacific covering every island, practically, from Hawaii to Australia. For 14 months he was on an 80 foot Cutter, three months on a Fire Boat and the rest of the time in service on a Transport. He was a movie operator throughtout his Navy career. He was discharged during November, 45. Lee is also an LYS member.

Cpl. Alex Spear entered the service in October of '42, and after receiving his training was sent overseas. He covered various islands but was stationed for a long period on Oahu, Hawaii. His overseas service totalled 22 months. Al came back to the States on an emergency leave upon the death of his father. He was stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis. until discharge in December. Al is an LYS'r, a folk festival vet and a good dancer.

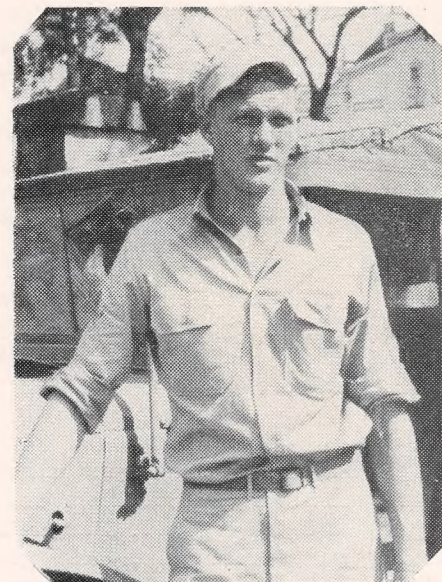
Cpl. George Lavell was discharged during the end of November. He entered the service on August '43 and for 8 months was in England with the 8th Air Force. While he was on his way to the Pacific Theatre of war, V-J Day took place and his ship was returned to the States. He is engaged to be married to Patsie McNamara.

Cpl. Frank DeLeon who entered the Army in early

'42 and was in all the early invasions starting with Africa, experiencing the black days of Faid and Kasserine pass, followed by Algiers, Tunisia, Sardinia, Naples, and so on, is back in Chicago. His first act in the city was to go down town to see if the Spanish Club was still there. Bienvenida Amiguito.

T-Sgt. Albert Joris entered the service in Jan. '42 and after only three months of training was sent to England to be assigned to the 8th Air Force. He stayed there till after V. Day. Then, they planned to send him to the Pacific. He only got as far as Sioux Falls, S. D. when V-J Day came along and he was detained there until December. In England he was with the Telephone Communication Department. The Limeys thought Al to be an excellent folk dancer. Upon return to civilian hood he went to his old job with the Bell Telephone Co., worked one day and received three weeks vacation. Nice! Maxine (Jerry) is happy to have her hubby back.

Jim Griffith was discharged from CPS after serving four years in various camps, the last two of which he spent in the Conn. State Hospital at Middletown, Connecticut. Jim and Mrs. Griffith plan to make their home in Los Angeles, Cal.



WALTER HANSEN

Walter is only 6' 7", and quite a sport. The Manila paper recently carried a very Complimentary article about his participation in the basket ball game against Bob Davis, an All American star. Walt got 23 points against Bob's 15. Very good! This winning put Hart, Michigan on the map in Manila, and Hart became well publicized by the deed of its favorite son. Walt was discharged during January. He is a first cousin of our Viltis co-worker, Hugh Jones.

Pfc. Edward W. Sommer was discharged from the USMC. He entered the service in October '42 and received his training in San Diego, and went overseas in January '43. Ed is a vet of many tough battles; New Guinea, Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester. He was a member of the 12th Anti Aircraft Bn. of the 1st Marines and before his discharge he was on Palau for six months. Ed's home is Mobile, Ala.

S/Sgt. Jimmy Carroll was in the service for over three years. He was with the infantry and saw front-line action on the Western front where he received injuries and was hospitalized. Upon recovery he was transferred

to the 8th Air Force. Jimmy is an LYS'r, married and has a Jr., who was born while he was overseas.

PFC Cabbot Boothe from Fairhope was in the service for nearly four years as a Paratrooper. He participated in the African, Italian, Southren France and all other Paratroop invasions, and was in the Bastogne encirclement. He was injured and also suffered frozen hands.

Lt. Don Edward Totten was in the service over three years. He was a combination of Navy-Marine-Air Force instructor and stationed in various Naval Bases through the South. After a brief visit with his folks in Fairhope he came to Chicago where he attend the Chicago U and lives now at the Int. House.

Claude Arnold QM 2/C came home to Fairhope in time to join his family for Xmas. Claude certainly covered the seas. For a while he was in Panama, then the Pacific, participated in the Norman invasion, suffered injuries and was hospitalized in England and U.S. Upon recovery he was sent once again to the Pacific.

Peter Rozgus SF 2/C a Chicago CB who helped construct roads on various Pacific Isles and the Philipines. He was in the service nearly three years.

Kosso Skorohod S 2/C was discharged from Camp Peary, Va., where he was a librarian and a letter writer for the illiterate sailors, and also painted murals. Kosso came from Palestine to study art at the Chicago Art Institute and volunteered for service. He is now making his home in Philadelphia.

Sgt. Jimmy Mitchell former folk dance instructor at the Organic in Fairhope and Radio instructor for over three years at Scott Field, Ill., also plans to join the Fairhopeans at the Chicago U. to take advantage of the G-I Bill of rights.

S/Sgt. Walter Gilvydis was in the service for four years. He participated in the African and Italian invasions. Was injured in his leg, arm and chest. Upon recovery he was alerted for Pacific duty, but the war ended and came home instead.

FAIR HOPE

Commings Hall, the Organic Gym, underwent remodeling and it has now a new floor. Basket ball and folk dancing is going on in full swing.... Charlotte Robinson, Organic student, was awarded the ten dollar prize given by the Fairhope Rotary Club for the best essay on "Fire Prevention."

The January issue of March of Progress magazine carries a very complimentary article on Fairhope. Just what I always say about Fairhope—a grand town and the "Hope of the future" The Blue Light club reopened on Dec 7. Ralph Hoffman and his orchestra are featured W. B. Wilson raised an 8 lb. sweet potato: Mr. James Gaston was elected Commodore of the Fairhope Yacht Club.

Hegira: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinney, proprietors of Adventure Island, are now at their home in Fairhope enjoying sunshine and flowers Mrs. Burton Hoffman has also returned to Fairhope. (I don't blame her.)

Wedding Bells: Dorothy Yeend and Jerry Yeager were married on Dec. 16th. Jerry was discharged a few months ago after serving with the ETO for more than two years. Miss Yeend is one of the popular girls of Fairhope's young set.

Cpl. Eileen McCants, X-Ray technician at Camp L. Wood, Mo., was married to Ensign Clarence "Mike" Pruitt, of Rolla, Missouri. Mike was in the service for six years and for two years he was stationed in Pensacola,

Fla., but then he did not know Eileen. They met each other at camp Wood and it was love at first sight. The wedding took place on Dec. 16th at the chapel of the Glenview, Ill., air base where Mike is stationed. It was the first Army-Navy combination for that base. S/Sgt. Charles Janke gave away the bride. Bob Schaffer, AVM 1/C acted as "Best Man" while WAVE Virginia Lombardi was Maid of Honor. The bride, tho, was married in "civies" and wore an ivory white satin gown with a train of enormous lenght. The bride's mother, Mrs. Ruby McCants, came in front Fairhope to see her only, and beautiful daughter, being wed. The wedding was performed according to the Methodist rite and it was a beautiful marriage. Eileen has two brothers in the service, Joe, with the USMC now on his way to the States, and Dan, S 2/C, who just reached Japan. Eileen was to be discharged in January. Mike will be transferred to Memphis, Tenn., where he will continue instructing aviation. Our very best wishes to he Pruitts and the McCants.

THE STRUERSEL — FERNANDEZ WEDDING

One of the loveliest weddings Fairhope witnessed, was held on January 17th at the Methodist church when the marriage ties were solemnized between Marietta Stuersel and Lt. Commander Sergio Fernandez, USN, of Tampa, Florida.

Seven couples—the ushers all Naval Lts, arrayed in their uniforms and sabers, and the girls in pastel gowns that appeared like the colors of Azaleas in full bloom — were in attendance. The church was packed with a capacity crowd and the entire service was beautiful. The arch of the sabers was impressive. Immediately after the services all guests went to the Stursel home to partake in the reception. Little Patsy Porter sang charmingly at the church.

The Maid of Honor was Marguerite Frazar who flew in Chicago, and Best Man was Lt. J. W. Smith. The Bride's Maids were: Katheline Clemens, Genevieve Lowell, Carolyn and Eloise Nichols, Peggy Wood and Helen Stuersel. The Ushers were: Lts. W. Collins, A. G. Meneely, Lew Steinhilber, W. M. Wells, Whitey Larson and Mell Larson, all stationed at Barin Field, near Fairhope, where the bridegroom is also stationed.

To the newly weds my sincerest wishes for a long and happy wedded life together. Que el suerte le toca bien siempre.

Marietta is a graduate of the Organic School, is a folk festival vet and a talented young musician. She attended several sessions at the Chicago Musical College and has a very gay and happy personality. The Stuersel family were grand pals to me and my personal wishes are extended to Marietta and her husband-to-be and to all the Stuersels.

The Paysons have settled in Wellingford, Penna. where Mr. and Mrs. Payson hold positions on the staff of Pendle Hill College, a center for religious and social study maintained by members of the Society of Friends (Quakers). Herta attends the School in Rose Valley, which is run on the same plan as the Organic School in Fairhope. Most of the students at Pendle Hill are being prepared for reconstruction work in Europe and Asia.

The North Dakotans, in the many letters I received from that part of the country, had a favorite subject. The Weather! Some thought it to be a "perfect winter weather", others said; "awful!" It seems that there is plenty of snow and temperatures ranging from 5 below to